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Nursing Facility User Fee: Intercepts  
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The purpose of this bulletin is to advise nursing facilities that the Office of the State Comptroller has recently begun implementing payment intercept procedures for unpaid user fee liabilities greater than 120 days old. These intercept procedures are in accordance with regulations of the Office of the State Comptroller, 815 CMR 9.00: Debt Collection.

The Division provides a minimum of four notices to nursing facilities that have not paid their user fee liability. These notices are sent each month following the due date. After four notices, or one-hundred twenty days, the debt will be submitted to the Office of the Comptroller for payment intercept. Under payment intercept procedures, the Comptroller will stop any state payment being made to the facility and apply this payment to the facility's outstanding user fee obligation. All payments from state agencies, including Medicaid payments, will be intercepted until the debt is satisfied.

For additional information regarding the intercept procedures, facilities should refer to 815 CMR 9.00: Debt Collection, available at [http://www.state.ma.us/osc/Regs/815/815-9\\_Debt\\_Coll.pdf](http://www.state.ma.us/osc/Regs/815/815-9_Debt_Coll.pdf).